MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative. All deserving cases are admitted.

Equipments in the General Hospital.

26. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware —

(i) that up-to-date equipment for treatment is limited in the General Hospital;

(ii) that many patients in the General Hospital are passing their days without any cot, bedding or blanket; and

(iii) that up-to-date and improved surgical instruments and other equipments which are quite necessary in an institution like the General Hospital are limited there;

(*b*) whether any reports have been received by them or by the Administrative Board, Medical Services, from the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital regarding these drawbacks; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken by them or by the Board in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) The answer is in the negative. But additional up-to-date equipment for treatment is being provided every year as funds permit.

(ii) The average daily number of in-patients in the Hospital is much higher than the number of beds available. Hence some patients have to be accommodated on the floor which some even prefer. Blankets are supplied only to those in-patients whose condition requires them.

(iii) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) (i).

(*b*) Yes. The Board has received reports from the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital regarding the want of extra cots, bedding and clothing.

(*c*) These defects will be remedied soon, as the two blocks newly built are being fitted up and will shortly be ready for occupation for in-patients.

X-ray Apparatus in the General Hospital.

27. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the X-ray apparatus was fitted up in the General Hospital;

(*b*) whether the X-ray apparatus is being worked at present (31-1-'04);

(*c*) the number of times the X-ray apparatus has been out of order since its installation in the General Hospital;

(*d*) whether it is not due to the fact that the X-ray apparatus fitted up in the General Hospital is of a very cheap kind and of inferior quality that it frequently goes out of order;

(*e*) the cost price of the present X-ray apparatus in the General Hospital; and

(*f*) the total amount hitherto spent for improving and repairing the same?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In Kanni 1103.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The apparatus was out of order only once and that, too, when the Rectifying Disc which was partly charred during the fitting up was charred along its whole length.

(*d*) The apparatus is of the best quality.

(*e*) The cost of the X-ray apparatus alone is about Rs. 16,000.

(*f*) Nil.

Usefulness of the General Hospital.

28. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are not aware—

(i) that the General Hospital is an institution from which the patients can hope for all kinds of facilities in the matter of treatment of diseases and one which is being so considered by the general public; and

(ii) that there is no such hospital or other institution in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to consider, as early as possible, the question of making the General Hospital, Trivandrum, which is the only refuge of the fortyfour lakhs of people of Travancore, more useful to the public by introducing into it improved and up-to-date methods of treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The General Hospital is the Chief Government Hospital in Travancore.

(*b*) The Government do not accept the statements that the General Hospital is the only refuge of the 44 lakhs of people of Travancore and that the method of treatment there is not up-to-date.

Applicants for posts of English Teachers in the Women's College.

29. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the candidates from service, and from outside, who had applied for the posts of teaching English in the Women's College as also their respective examination and other qualifications;

(*b*) whether appointments have been made from candidates having superior examination and other qualifications, the names of those who were so entertained and the respective communities to which they belong; and

(*c*) whether they have entertained any persons having lower examination and other qualifications when there were other candidates possessing superior examination qualifications in English and teaching experience in the College classes, and if so, the reasons for so appointing them as also the names of such candidates who were not provided and the communities to which they belong?

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